

program support. The estimated total sale was \$122 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$34 million of this total.

This transmittal reports the addition of the following MDE item: one (1) AN/AAQ 24(V)N Large Aircraft Infrared Countermeasures (LAIRCM) System Processor Replacement (LSPR) at an estimate of \$0.5M. Also included are User Data Modules and card connectors; and additional engineering and technical services. The estimated total value of these additional items is \$8.0 million. This transmittal also reports a \$7 million increase in value to the estimated cost of the previously notified MDE. The total estimated MDE value will increase by \$7.5 million to \$41.5 million. The estimated total value will increase by \$15.5 million, resulting in an estimated total case value of \$137.5 million.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided as the additional MDE item was not enumerated in the original notification. The proposed sale will further improve Australia's capability to meet current and future threats by providing modern protection for large air mobility platforms.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States. Australia is one of our most important allies in the Western Pacific. The strategic location of this political and economic power contributes significantly to ensuring peace and economic stability in the region. It is vital to the U.S. national interest to assist our ally in developing and maintaining a strong and ready self-defense capability.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 15, 2022.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. MENENDEZ, Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications which have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROBERT MENENDEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 0J-22. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensi-

tivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 22-14 of April 4, 2022.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 0J-22

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(A), AECA)

(i) Purchaser: Government of Bulgaria.
(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 22-14; Date: April 4, 2022; Implementing Agency: Air Force; Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description: On April 4, 2022, Congress was notified by Congressional certification transmittal number 22-14 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of four (4) F-16 C Block 70 aircraft; four (4) F-16 D Block 70 aircraft; eleven (11) F100-GE-129D engines (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) Improved Programmable Display Generators (iPDG) (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) AN/APG-83 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) Scalable Agile Beam Radars (SABR) (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) Modular Mission Computers (MMC) 7000AH (8 installed, 3 spares); eleven (11) LN-260 or equivalent Embedded Global Positioning System (GPS) Inertial Navigation Systems (INS) (EGI) with Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module (SAASM) and Precise Positioning Service (PPS) (8 installed, 3 spares); nineteen (19) Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missile (AMRAAM) AIM-120C-7/C-8 or equivalent missiles; two (2) AMRAAM Guidance Sections; forty-eight (48) LAU-129A launchers (40 installed, 8 spares); twenty-eight (28) GBU-39/B Small Diameter Bombs (SDBs); two (2) SDB Guided Test Vehicles (GTVs); eleven (11) M61A1 Vulcan Cannons (8 installed, 3 spares); four (4) AN/AAQ-33 Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods (ATPs); twelve (12) Multifunctional Information Distribution System with Joint Tactical Radio Systems (MIDS-JTRS) (aircraft terminals and ground station terminals) (10 installed, 2 spares); twenty (20) AIM-9X Block II missiles; eight (8) AIM-9X Block II Captive Air Training Missiles (CATMs); four (4) AIM-9X Block II Tactical Guidance Units; four (4) AIM-9X Block II CATM Guidance Units; twenty-four (24) FMU-139 or FMU-152 fuze systems; twelve (12) KMU-572 Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) Tail Kits for 500LB GBU-38 or Laser JDAM GBU-54; twelve (12) MXU-650 Air Foil Groups (AFGs) for Enhanced Paveway II EGBU-49; twelve (12) MAU-210 Enhanced Computer Control Groups (ECCGs) for EPII EGBU-49; twenty-four (24) MK-82 or BLU-111 or equivalent Bomb Bodies; six (6) MK-82 Inert Bombs; and two (2) GBU-39 SDB I Practice Bombs. Also included are AN/ARC-238 radios; AN/APX-126 or equivalent Advanced Identification Friend or Foe (AIFF) with Combined Interrogator Transponders (CIT); Joint Helmet Mounted Cueing System II (JHMCS II) or Scorpion Hybrid Optical-based Inertial Tacker (HOBIT) helmet mounted displays; AN/ALQ-254 Viper Shield or equivalent Electronic Warfare (EW) systems; AN/ALE-47 Countermeasure Dispenser Systems (CMDs), KY-58M Cryptographic Devices, KIV-78 Cryptographic Devices, and Simple Key Loaders (SKLs); Joint Mission Planning Systems (JMPS) or equivalent; AIM-120 Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM); PGU-28 High Explosive Incendiary (HEI) ammunition; PGU-27 training rounds (non HEI); ARD-446 impulse cartridges; ARD-863 impulse cartridges; BBU-36/B impulse cartridges; BBU-35/B impulse cartridges; MK-124 smoke flares; MJU-7/B flare cartridges L463 or MJU-53 or equivalent;

Common Munitions Built-in-Test (BIT) Re-programming Equipment (CMBRE); ADU-890 adapter for CMBRE; ADU-891 adapter for CMBRE; Night Vision Devices (NVD); NVD Spare Image Intensifier Tubes; Remote Operated Video Enhanced Receiver (ROVER) 6i units; Tactical Network ROVER Kit; DSU-38 laser sensors for GBU-54; Cartridge Actuated Device/Propellant Actuated Devices (CADs/PADs); GBU-39 tactical training rounds; BRU-57 bomb racks; BRU-61 bomb racks; MAU-12 bomb racks and TER-89A triple ejection racks; other chaff and flare, ammunition, and pylons; launcher adaptors and weapons interfaces; fuel tanks and attached hardware; travel pods; aircraft and weapons integration, test, and support equipment; electronic warfare database and mission data file development; precision measurement and calibration laboratory equipment; secure communications; cryptographic equipment; precision navigation equipment; aircraft and personnel support and test equipment; spare and repair parts; repair and return services; maps, publications, and technical documentation; studies and surveys; classified/unclassified software and software support; personnel training and training equipment; facilities and facility management, design and/or construction services; U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistical and program support. The estimated total cost was \$1.673 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$0.978 billion of this total.

This transmittal reports a correction to the previously notified "eleven (11) F100-GE-129D engines (8 installed, 3 spares)" to "eleven (11) F110-GE-129D engines (8 installed, 3 spares);" there is currently no GE aircraft engine designated as F100. The following non-MDE items will also be included: ROVER 6Si units with Tactical Network ROVER (TNR) 2i kits; and STINGER MB ground terminal systems. The total MDE value will remain \$0.978 billion. The total case value will remain \$1.673 billion.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided to correctly identify the designation of F110-GE-129D engines to be included in this sale. Additionally, the inclusion of the additional non-MDE items represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified. The proposed articles and services will support Bulgaria's purchase of F-16s and associated equipment and will provide Bulgaria with a credible defense capability to deter aggression in the region.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The L3Harris ROVER 6Si transceiver provides real-time, full-motion video (FMV) and other network data for situational awareness, targeting, battle damage assessment, surveillance, relay, convoy over-watch operations and other situations where eyes-on-target are required. It provides expanded frequencies and additional processing resources from previous ROVER versions, allowing increased levels of collaboration and interoperability with numerous manned and unmanned airborne platforms.

The TNR 2i handheld transceiver supports both analog and digital waveforms enabling interoperability with commonly fielded US and NATO airborne platforms. In addition to traditional video downlink capability, TNR 2i provides bidirectional IP networking (Net-T). This kind of network connectivity allows for Digitally Aided Close Air Support (DaCAS), ground force position sharing, chat and large file transfer capabilities.

The STINGER MB is a tracking antenna system for long-range data links, supporting simultaneous transmit and receive capability in the UHF, L, S, C and Ku frequency bands.

The highest level of classification of information included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: December 15, 2022.

TRIBUTE TO DR. PATRICK BREYSSE

Mr. PETERS. Madam President, I rise today to honor a public servant who has made a significant impact protecting the health of Michiganders and people across the country from environmental hazards and related health concerns. Dr. Patrick Breyse will be retiring from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention—CDC—and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry—ATSDR—after serving 36 years both in government and as a professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health. Dr. Breyse's expertise in environmental exposure assessment and epidemiology has resulted in preventing disease, saving lives, and improving the health of communities.

Dr. Breyse joined CDC in December 2014 to lead the Agency's efforts to investigate the relationship between environmental factors and health. Under Dr. Breyse, CDC and ATSDR took significant steps to address lead exposure, improve safe drinking water, reduce exposure to hazardous substances, and play a critical role in CDC's emergency preparedness and response to natural disasters. His recent priorities include addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances—PFAS—contamination in drinking water and the health effects of poor air quality, extreme heat, flooding, and other weather-related hazards. He also led the public health response to the Flint water crisis in my home State of Michigan and remains focused on preventing lead exposures from public drinking water and working to make our environments lead-free. Dr. Breyse has worked closely with State, local, Territorial, and Tribal partners and been a true advocate for the health of our communities.

Dr. Breyse has also been a leader in bringing attention to the health concerns related to PFAS chemicals, testifying before Congress, briefing staff and Members, and initiating a groundbreaking health study at ATSDR to fill research gaps and examine the relationship between these chemicals and human health. He led the charge to better understand the contamination of PFAS in our water supply and the numerous potentially associated health effects. His vision and foresight helped lead to changes in standards, improvements in guidance for health professionals, and attention to this issue across the Nation.

Dr. Breyse is leaving behind a rich legacy of improving the quality of science and practice related to environ-

mental health within CDC and ATSDR. I am thankful for Dr. Pat Breyse and his commitment to the health of our communities and for the countless public servants like him who dedicate their lives to protecting others.

TRIBUTE TO LISA ELIJAH

Ms. SINEMA. Madam President, I rise today to congratulate and thank Lisa Elijah, who has been serving as a HillVets fellow in my office this year. Lisa, an Air Force veteran, has been an asset to the people of Arizona, to the U.S. Congress, and to my staff.

Arizona is home to nearly half a million veterans, making up almost 9 percent of the State. We pride ourselves on our strong connection with the military and take seriously the responsibility to care for our troops after they retire. Serving Arizona veterans is paramount in our office, and handling veterans' affairs issues is one of the most challenging and demanding portfolios for my team.

In the year she has worked in my office, Lisa has become an essential member of the staff and a valued liaison with the Arizona veteran community. As part of my policy team, Lisa has participated in dozens of meetings and was the primary point of contact for organizations and government Agencies on veterans' policy. She has assisted in making informed recommendations on veterans' legislation, cosponsorships, and meeting preparation. She has helped us draft thoughtful and influential policy that I know will help the servicemembers and families of Arizona, including legislation designed to improve the VA Family Caregivers Program.

Moreover, Lisa has gone above and beyond, taking the helm of our veterans' affairs team for several months, including coordinating with a legislative correspondent, policy adviser, and our State-based veterans outreach team across three geographically distinct offices. In this role, she has engaged with key stakeholders in the veteran's community, including grassroot organizations, government Agencies, and other interested parties. She also took the lead on preparing me for hearings in the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, preparing talking points, background material, and working with committee staff on legislation.

I know that Lisa's work for veterans is not yet concluded. Her future position that will allow her to continue her work for veterans in Arizona and throughout the Nation. I am excited to see her continued success.

I am incredibly proud of the work Lisa Elijah accomplished throughout this challenging year. She has set an outstanding example for others, and my team and I will miss her.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MAJOR NICHOLAS J. STOKELY

Mr. OSSOFF. Madam President, today it is with great pleasure that I

honor a superb Army noncommissioned officer and legislative liaison. After 2 years of exemplary service with the Army Office of the Chief, Legislative Liaison, SGM Nicholas J. Stokely was selected to serve as the next battalion command sergeant major for the 96th Civil Affairs Battalion, Special Operations (Airborne), at Fort Bragg, NC. He is no stranger to positions of trust and authority as he currently serves as the legislative assistant to the 16th Sergeant Major of the Army. He will assume responsibility for this new position in June.

On this occasion, I believe it is appropriate to recognize Sergeant Major Stokely's distinguished 25-year career spent serving the interests of the American people, whether here in the halls of Congress or out in the field with his boots on the ground. He is a native of Fountain Inn, SC. It is there that he first began his military service as an infantryman in the South Carolina National Guard in 1997. Sergeant Major Stokely enlisted in the Active-Duty Army in February 2002 and served in numerous leadership positions while stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State.

In 2006, he donned the iconic hat of the U.S. Army drill sergeant, helping train young men and women in preparation for the rigors of serving in the Army. Sergeant Major Stokely has excelled in every job the Army has asked him to take on, and true to form, he was selected as the 2007 Infantry Training Brigade Drill Sergeant of the Year at Fort Benning, GA. This is indicative of how he approaches his job.

In 2009, Sergeant Major Stokely began a new chapter in his career by completing the Civil Affairs Specialist Course at Fort Bragg and joining the ranks of Special Forces operators. He subsequently served in every leadership position possible while assigned to the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade. He then went on to serve as an instructor and course manager at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School.

It is clear the Army has consistently relied upon Sergeant Major Stokely for his exceptional leadership. He has deployed on numerous occasions in support of America's national defense. Sergeant Major Stokely has deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, the European Reassurance Initiative, and European Deterrence Initiative with multiple tough assignments within Special Operations units across the Asian and European continents.

In 2019, Sergeant Major Stokely arrived on Capitol Hill, serving as the defense fellow for Representative JASON CROW of Colorado's Sixth District. From there, he did exceptional work liaising on the Army's Senate Liaison Division staff before his selection as a legislative assistant. In each of these positions, his primary responsibility was to help continue and strengthen Army relationships across Congress.